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**Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
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Listed on this Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. This Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of Applicants' Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 24, 2006, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Copies of documents **FP1-FP2** and **NPL1-NPL4** are submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), copies of U.S. patent application publications, **US1** to **US4**, cited on the attached IDS Form, PTO/SB/08A, are not submitted. In addition, copies of documents **NPL5** to **NPL6** are not provided in accordance with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office OG notice of October 19, 2004, which states: "the requirement in 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii) for a legible copy of the specification, including the claims, and drawings of each cited pending U.S. patent application (or

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In accordance with the recent Federal Circuit decision in Dayco Prods., Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc. 329 F.3d 1358 (Fed. Cir. 2003), Applicants submit herewith Office Actions from:

the related co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/937,181 as Document **NPL1**; and

the related co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/658,971 as Documents **NPL2-NPL4**.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, which are directed to related technical subject matter:

Application No. 10/591,962, inventors Patrick, G.M., *et al.*, filed September 8, 2006, listed as document **NPL5**, which entered the U.S. national phase from international Application No. PCT/GB2005/000907, which published as WO 2005/084685 A2, listed as document **FP1**;

Application No. 10/592,265, inventors Combe-Marzelle, S.M., *et al.*, filed March 9, 2005, listed as document **NPL6**, which entered the U.S. national phase from international Application No. PCT/GB2005/000908, which published as WO 2005/084686 A2, listed as document **FP2**.

The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

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	NPL5	Co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/591,962, inventors Patrick <i>et al.</i> , filed September 8, 2006 (NOT PUBLISHED)		
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